Writing Intern



Project Title	Writing Intern
Project Summary	Join the Veterans Affairs Digital Media Engagement Team to collaborate with fellow interns to create blog posts for the VAntage Point website. Roles range from interviewing Veterans and manning social media accounts, to researching facts about Veterans and writing about memorable veteran experiences
Country	United States

Project Description

Do you enjoy a good story? Consider joining VA's office of Digital Media Engagement as a writing intern. Writing interns are responsible for writing feature articles, blogs, and other communication products intended to inform Veterans, their family members, and the public on matters affecting their daily lives from health care and insurance to monetary compensation and suicide prevention. In this role, there are various projects you can use your writing expertise in:

Operation Song: As a content creator, you will work with Operation Song, a nonprofit organization based in Tennessee that uses musical therapy to help Veterans. You will contact and interview Veterans who have used musical therapy through the nonprofit organization. Then, you will create blog posts highlighting those Veterans. You may be asked to reach out to providers of other forms of therapy to write about the Veterans that they treat. The core of this project is to tell the stories of Veterans who have benefited from various forms of treatment. Your efforts will help to show other Veterans the progress and improvements can be made through these amazing treatment opportunities.

Veteran of the Day: As a writing intern, much of your time will be researching Veterans from various backgrounds and completing write-ups about their service and the life they have lived. One Veteran gets highlighted each day so the impact is widespread and daily.

A Veteran's Story: A Veteran's Story tells stories about a Veteran's excellent work during or after their service. These pieces do not simply recount key details of a Veteran's service, but provide deeper information and allow more creative freedom in storytelling. Your efforts will delve deeper into what Veterans have done through their service and share with our large audience.

Writing interns have the potential to be involved in one, two, or all projects as a writing intern with us. There is immense room to grow professionally and serve the Veteran population through writing.

This role requires the following skills: Proficiency in writing and communication, professionalism, Microsoft Word access and proficiency, time management, storytelling, and a willingness to learn.

Please view our blog to see the various written content our team produces. Be sure to note the level of quality

and the style of writing of those posts. If you are selected for this internship, this is the level of work you will be expected to produce.

Writings are expected to adhere to AP Style and VA's style. Our communication work is a representation of the VA as a whole. Publishing accurate, quality work is one of our team's most important obligations, so we are looking for people who are willing to contribute to this team goal.

Check out some of our work: http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/category/veteran/.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Editing and proofreading

Storytelling/blogging/vlogging

Writing

Additional Information

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Digital Media Engagement Team internship is one of the largest and most established internship programs available through the Virtual Student Federal Service. This past year, our internship had approximately 300 interns in various departments and leadership positions. If you want to join a team that is well structured and will offer meaningful work that will help you build skills that you can actually add to your resume, then you should definitely join our team.

For more information about interning with the Department of Veterans Affairs' Digital Media Engagement Team VSFS Internship program, please visit: https://dmeinterns.org/.

Language Requirements

None